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Foreword

DiversityTweet is a tweefreshingly original book that makes the complex issues of diversity tweeasy to understand and exciting to tweemember! Carol Evans @workingmotherme Founder & President, Working Mother Media



Section

What Does Diversity Really Mean?

Diversity means variety. In the world, we have people with different cultures, ethnicities and backgrounds. These differences are to be cherished since they make our world whole and complete. Every person with his unique experience and background makes a contribution in a special way.



2 There is nothing so unequal as the equal treatment of unequals.

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Diversity is a celebration of differences, because differences will challenge our assumptions.

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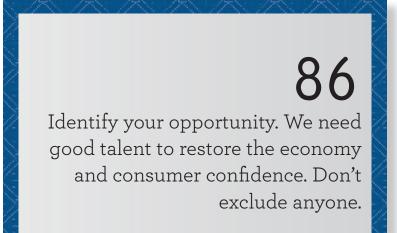
You are no longer "walking the extra mile" by celebrating diversity. It has become a requirement for survival in the new world.



Section III

Diversity within Organizations

The innovation in organizations is sparked with differences in our thinking. If we seek to create products and services for our customers we need to look inside at our workforce. With technology and globalization, we have an opportunity to compete in the global marketplace. And Diversity in our workforce gives us that competency.



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Making diversity as the cornerstone of the country's or company's mission is the genesis of its unique identity.

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Cultural heritage days and potluck meals for employees?! Is this really a way to build true cultural awareness?

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Inspiration, motivation, and *empowerment* are just words. The corporate culture must promote creativity and curiosity.

90 A diverse workforce serves as a sample of your customer population a readily available focus group.

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Every business' litmus test for diversity is their commitment to innovation.

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Diverse hiring choices will not complete the work of diversity; they only create the opportunity to build a great organization.



Section IV

The Challenges and Benefits of Diversity

Like everything else, diversity has its challenges and benefits. Like every relationship in a family has challenges and benefits. Till we remember we are part of a global family, we have an opportunity to create a world in which future generations will flourish and advance without any barriers that existed for generations before them.



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Getting diversity right is not a destination. It is an ongoing evolutionary journey.

About the Author



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